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Rewald Pleads Not Guilty to Two Counts of Theft

Ronald R. Rewald pleaded not guilty today to two counts of first-degree theft by deception stemming from his activities with his investment company.

Rewald's attorney, Peter Wolff, entered the pleas before Circuit

Judge Robert W.B. Chang, with Rewald standing beside him in shackles. Rewald is accused in an Aug. 11 indictment of stealing money that was invested with the firm of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong by John Kindschi, former head of the CIA office here, and Hugh Fraser.

Chang set a tentative trial date for the week of Oct. 31, but because of its complexity, the trial is not expected to take place until long after that.

Wolff said he and his law partner, Brook Hart, are likely to ask Chang this week to be allowed to withdraw as Rewald's attorneys.

"We can't get paid," Wolff said. "This is an enormous matter."

Wolff said they have been representing Rewald so far "because we made a commitment to take it this far."

However, he said he does not want to continue representing Rewald "without some prospect of being paid."